GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:336
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WLL SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has identified the non-feasible areas in various States for development of WLL (Wireless in Local Loop);

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the time by which such non-feasible areas are likely to be provided WLL connections; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND DISINVESTMENT (ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OFTHE LOK SABHA IN RESPECTOF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARREI QUESTION NO. 336 FOR 4TH FEBRUARY, 2004 REGARDING WLL SERVICES.

(a) Yes, Sir. WLL Technology Network have been planned to be provided in 2648 SDCAs (Short Distance Charging Area) to cover non-feasible areas. However, some areas would still remain non-feasible on account of:

(i) Geographical conditions

(ii) Availability of limited resources

(iii) Limited reach of radio frequency signal of WLL equipment

(b) State-wise details are at the Annexure.

(c) & (d) BSNL (Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited) has planned to provideWLL Technology Network in 2648 SDCAs during2004-2005. The areas, which would still remain non-feasible, would be covered progressively by the installation of more number of BTSs (Base Trans-receiver Stations) based on geographical considerations. In addition, inaccessible and difficult terrain are proposed to be covered by satellite phones.

ANNEXURE

Sl. No.	Name of the Circle	Total No. of SDCAs
1	Andaman & Nicobar	2
2	Andhra Pradesh	243
3	Assam	46
4	Bihar	104
5	Chhattisgarh	112
6	Gujarat	161
7	Himachal Pradesh	33
8	Haryana	54
9	Jammu & Kashmir	34
10	Jharkhand	75
11	Kerala	58
12	Karnataka	180
13	Maharashtra	304

14	Madhya Pradesh	249
15	North East-I #	30
16	North East-II $	56
17	Orissa	120
18	Punjab	58
19	Rajasthan	258
20	Tamil Nadu	129
21	Uttaranchal	38
22	Uttar Pradesh (East)	167
23	Uttar Pradesh (West)	64
24	West Bengal	71
25	Kolkata TD (Telecom District)	1
26	Chennai TD	1

Total 2648

Note: SDCA : Short Distance Charging Area.

North East-I includes the States of Meghalaya, Tripura & Mizoram.
$ North East-II includes the States of Manipur, Nagaland & Arunachal Pradesh.